

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings of Fig. 3.

The Applicant has amended Fig. 3 to more clearly depict the bottom surface adjacent to port 28, which is a continuous surface that physically separates fluid supply passage 18 and fluid control passage 20. This separation surface is also clearly shown in Figs. 6-8. Additionally, reference numeral 42 was added to Fig. 3 to depict the passageway that permits fluid to communicate between the fluid supply passage 18 and the fluid control passage 20, vis-à-vis the action of the ball valve 38.

The Applicant avers that no new matter has been introduced.

As such, the replacement sheet of Fig. 3 (also containing Fig. 3a), and the corresponding text in the specification, clearly describe and depict all of the elements recited in claims 1-21.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

Claims 1-21 are rejected.

The specification has been amended to correct various typographical errors. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings, as originally filed. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been added.

The drawings have been amended to more clearly depict the invention as fully and completely described in the specification. A replacement sheet for Fig. 3 (also including Fig. 3a) is submitted concurrently herewith. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been added.

This response is submitted in response to a final office action. The Applicants submit that the instant response places the application in a condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal.

35 USC §112 REJECTION, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement

The Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 USC §112, first paragraph rejection of claims 1-21.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicants have amended the drawings, specifically Fig. 3, to more clearly depict the bottom surface adjacent to port 28, which is a continuous surface that physically separates fluid supply passage 18 and fluid control passage 20. This separation surface is also clearly shown in Figs. 6-8. Additionally, reference numeral 42 was added to Fig. 3 to depict the passageway that permits fluid to

communicate between the fluid supply passage 18 and the fluid control passage 20, vis-à-vis the action of the ball valve 38, and accordingly, submit that pending claims 1-21 contain subject matter that is fully described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the 35 USC §112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-21 has been overcome or rendered moot.

35 USC §112 REJECTION, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-21.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicants have amended the drawings, specifically Fig. 3, to more clearly depict the bottom surface adjacent to port 28, which is a continuous surface that physically separates fluid supply passage 18 and fluid control passage 20. This separation surface is also clearly shown in Figs. 6-8. Additionally, reference numeral 42 was added to Fig. 3 to depict the passageway that permits fluid to communicate between the fluid supply passage 18 and the fluid control passage 20, vis-à-vis the action of the ball valve 38, and accordingly, submit that pending claims 1-21 are definite and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-21 has been overcome or rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the Application. The Applicant respectfully submits that each item raised by the Examiner in the Final Office Action of January 26, 2006 has been successfully traversed, overcome or rendered moot by this response. The Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims in this Application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Any needed extension of time is hereby requested with the filing of this document.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501612. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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